

**SAND MOUND  
SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM  
INSPECTION CHECKLIST**

**I. Site Preparation**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Mound perimeter and absorption bed properly  
staked out \_\_\_\_\_
- B. No compaction by heavy equipment:
  - 1. Within mound perimeter \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. Downslope from mound \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3. Within sewage disposal area \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Vegetation cut and removed \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Trees, if present, cut off at ground level  
stumps left in place \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Soil plowed to suitable depth and perpendicular  
to slope \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Soil moisture level low enough to permit  
construction \_\_\_\_\_
- G. Soil not frozen \_\_\_\_\_
- H. Location of septic tank(s) and pumping station  
properly staked out \_\_\_\_\_

## II. Construction

### A. Septic Tank(s)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Number of tanks \_\_\_\_\_
2. Tank type and construction meet specification  
(i.e., top-seam, baffled, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Capacity requirements met \_\_\_\_\_
4. Proper installation \_\_\_\_\_
5. Inlet and outlet pipes at proper elevations  
and sealed at tank walls \_\_\_\_\_
6. Baffles and/or tees properly installed \_\_\_\_\_
7. Tank watertightness checked  
a. Weep hole sealed if present \_\_\_\_\_  
b. 24-hour leakage test conducted if necessary \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Pump Chamber

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Design specifications met \_\_\_\_\_
2. Six-inch block present under pump \_\_\_\_\_
3. Control panel meets specifications \_\_\_\_\_
4. Event counter/elapsed time meter/  
flow meter installed, if required \_\_\_\_\_
5. Proper float elevations (on/off /alarm) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Quick disconnect/siphon hole present  
(if required) \_\_\_\_\_
7. Proper elevation of influent pipe \_\_\_\_\_
8. Pipes through tank walls sealed \_\_\_\_\_
9. Valves meet specifications \_\_\_\_\_
10. Tank joints above seasonal high water level \_\_\_\_\_
11. Access provided and terminates six inches  
above grade \_\_\_\_\_
12. One-day design flow storage capacity above  
high level alarm \_\_\_\_\_

13. Force main diameter as specified \_\_\_\_\_
14. High water alarm on separate circuit \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Sand Fill and Absorption Area Date: \_\_\_\_\_
  1. Sand meets specifications \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Sand fill brought to proper elevation \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Sand fill covers basal area \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Absorption bed or trenches of proper dimensions \_\_\_\_\_
  5. Absorption bed or trenches level \_\_\_\_\_
  6. Six-inches of suitable gravel between sand fill and distribution pipe \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Distribution System Date: \_\_\_\_\_
  1. Proper fittings used at joints \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Fittings adequately bonded \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Proper diameter of manifold \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Proper diameter of lateral piping \_\_\_\_\_
  5. Proper diameter of lateral perforations \_\_\_\_\_
  6. Proper spacing of lateral perforations \_\_\_\_\_
  7. Perforations oriented downward \_\_\_\_\_
  8. End perforation suitable (sleeved/in end cap/ on turnup radius) \_\_\_\_\_
  9. Two-inch gravel to cover laterals \_\_\_\_\_
  10. Check of distribution system under pressure \_\_\_\_\_
- E. Final Placement of Fill and Topsoil Date: \_\_\_\_\_
  1. Geotextile fabric in place above gravel layer \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Tapered cap present:
    - A. Twelve-inch depth at center \_\_\_\_\_
    - B. Six-inch depth at edges \_\_\_\_\_

3. Six-inch topsoil cover:
    - A. Present and graded \_\_\_\_\_
    - B. Seeded/Sod \_\_\_\_\_
    - C. Mulched \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Sides of mound no steeper than 3:1 slope \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Monitoring Appurtenances Date: \_\_\_\_\_
1. Observation ports:
    - A. Proper location and number \_\_\_\_\_
    - B. Installed to proper depth \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Lateral turn-ups in place (if required) \_\_\_\_\_
- G. Site Drainage (if required) Date: \_\_\_\_\_
1. Surface water diversion \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Curtain drain \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Vertical drain \_\_\_\_\_

**III. Pumping System Test** Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Pump-on switch is operational \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Pump-off switch is operational \_\_\_\_\_
- C. High level alarm switch is operational \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Volume of drawdown corresponds with specified dose \_\_\_\_\_
- E. System achieves specified pressure \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. Comments:**